



# Parracombe Church of England Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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## Dear Parents/Carers

I'd like to welcome Mrs Hamer back to school, she has been absent from school for weeks and was sorely missed by pupils, parents and staff.

In Mrs. Hamer's absence any parent with a child in the Junior class may well have been told about a supply teacher called Mr Lamb. Mr Lamb is a supply teacher, he teaches within all Federation schools and will be a regular supply teacher at Parracombe School.

Unfortunately we have had very little support from parents willing to help decorate the school premises. **We really need your help** to achieve the very best potential for our school, please inform Jean if you are able to help.

We were unable to take part in the Grenville Run this year as we weren't registered. We would like to apologise to the children involved and we will ensure that the run takes place next year.

The Guardianship Walk was also postponed due to bad weather. We will inform you of the new date as soon as we are told.

I would like to ask parents to ensure that all children are collected from the school playground. The road by the

school can be dangerous at home time and we ask the children not to leave the playground until they have been collected. We would appreciate parents coming into the playground rather than calling their children out, unaccompanied.

To celebrate the end of term and the end of our Africa topic we are planning an **African Day**. The last day of school will be taken off timetable and we will have a range of activities related to our learning this term. If your child wishes to come to school in African dress they are more than welcome!!

We would like to remind all parents that if your child is absent from school they are marked in the register as an **'unauthorised absence'**. The Education Welfare Officer monitors the attendance of every pupil at school regularly and may well ask to meet with any parents for an explanation of their child's absence if their child is consistently absent from school without authorisation.

**Sex education** will begin next term, as previously stated, all sex education lessons are embedded into Science or PSHE subjects as part of teaching. If any parents would like to see the materials that we are using, or discuss any issues or concerns, please don't hesitate

to contact either myself, Jody or Lisa.

As we are meeting with Kentisbury and Lynton Schools on a regularly basis, I would once again like to encourage children at Parracombe to wear our **school uniform**. A school uniform is an excellent way to develop an identity amongst the children and a sense of belonging.

If the school is closed due to **bad weather** Anita Freeman will be in school at 8.45 to inform parents of the closure. I'd like to thank Anita for volunteering for this responsibility as Lisa, Jody and I, are unable to do so.

We hope that you have a thoroughly enjoyable Easter weekend and look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Some parents have approached me regarding child care during the holidays. For details of programmes and activities available please visit [www.devoncsd.info](http://www.devoncsd.info) or call 0845 155 1013.

Kind Regards,

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